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LEAP program gets new director



LEAP Director William Horan

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Learning English for Academic and Professional Purposes (LEAP) has a new director, William Horan, and increasing the amount of interaction between native and international students is at the forefront of changes to be implemented.

"One of my main goals is to create more interaction between native English-speaking students and international students," said Horan. "Think about and consider this if you are in a different country and no one speaks to you and you are alienated from all those around you. Wright State's university center for international education offers some outstanding programs that enhance the quality of life for international students. We encourage all Americans on campus to reach out to international communities. We want students and the community to let people know where a good place to get

something to eat is or to show someone of age where a good place is to get a beer."

The LEAP program is a 10-week program that follows along with the university's quarter system. "Students spend five class hours four days a week," said Jeannette Horwitz, instructor of English. "Students are here to prepare for undergraduate degrees, but some are also here because they want to improve their English and learn as their husband or wives work."

Horan has three main objectives through which he plans to implement the changes. The first is an undergraduate bridge program. "It is a great tool to help international students as a high quality alternative to the TOEFL [Test of English as a Foreign Language] test," said Horan.

The second is a conversation partners program that involves looking for native English-speakers to join the program, which entails them meeting once a week to speak English with a student in LEAP. "This would involve a quick interview to identify who would be a good fit with which student, to accom-

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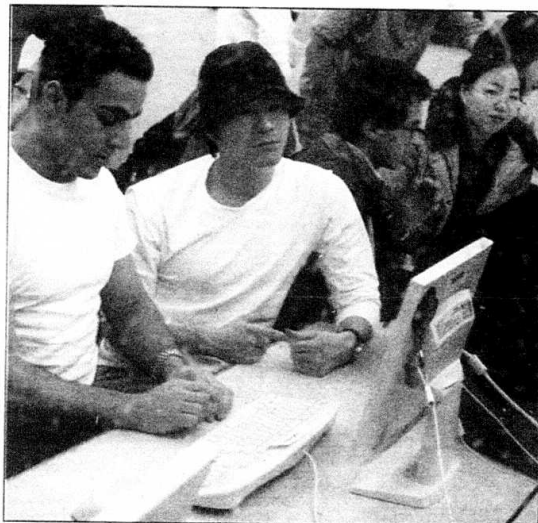
— William Horan

modate who would have a good time with each other," said Horan.

"I never had English in school," said Anna Pacholak who is from Poland. "The hardest part is writing. It confused me. We get to speak to each other in small classes."

The third new initiative is the International Friendship Affair. "This is

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Hussein Hamad, from Palestine, (on left) solves an on-line Valentine's Day word puzzle with his LEAP program peers.

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Wright State tries to retain its students

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WSU continues to focus on freshman and sophomore students in efforts to further increase the retention rate, or amount of students that stay at WSU without transferring or dropping out.

According to the Budget Planning and Resource Analysis book with data compiled by Ryan Black, in the 2002-2003 academic year WSU had a 69 percent retention rate of full-time, degree-seeking freshman students. This rate for the 2001-2002 academic year was at 71 percent.

"The large drop in retention happens between the freshman and sophomore years, which is why we focus so much on people being successful their first

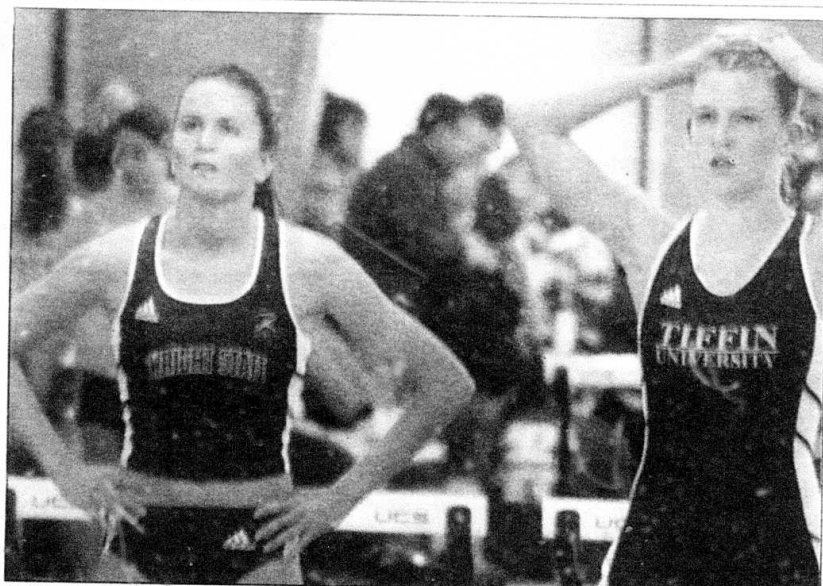
year," said Doug Saul, coordinator of WSU's learning communities. "If we can do that, their chances of graduating from WSU shoots up."

The 2003 Performance Report for Ohio's Colleges and Universities, states that Ohio currently has a 13 percent transfer rate of freshman students between Ohio colleges and universities. For comparison purposes, 68 percent of students attending open admission universities, such as WSU, returned to their original university for their second year, while 12 percent transferred to another Ohio public institution for Autumn 2002.

Saul said that there is a big difference between the retention rates of

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WSU track team member Jennifer Williamson (left) waits for her hurdle results at the Valentine's Day meet in Findlay. The Wright State ladies will attend the Ohio State Invitational this Saturday, Feb. 21, in Columbus.



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Non-Criminal Incident

Feb. 10: Police responded to a graduate student who was having difficulty breathing in 426 Russ Engineering Center. The victim stated that they were allergic to eggs, but ate some that morning. The Fairborn Fire Department's medic was called and the student was taken to Miami Valley Hospital.

Feb. 13: A shuttle bus backed into a parked vehicle when preparing to leave the Nutter Center parking lot in front of the ticket booth. There was minor damage to the vehicle.

Property Damage

Feb. 9: A case is still under investigation when police responded to a person putting fecal matter on a thermostat in the men's restroom in Allyn Hall.

Drug Offense

Feb. 11: Two students were referred to Judicial Affairs for discipline after admitting that they smoked marijuana in their dorm room.

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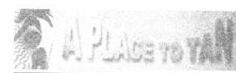
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Traveling abroad

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Students at WSU are taking advantage of the various opportunities that the university is offering to travel abroad.

Through these programs, students can choose to study in places such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America or Australia.

Students can get involved in these programs in many different ways. "We have a wonderful web page students can visit that explains the different programs and opportunities," said Maricy Schmitz, director of the exchange and study abroad programs in the University Center for International Education. The programs are also advertised through faculty and staff that have traveled as well and support the idea.

"The knowledge that you gain is more than in any classroom."

— Jesse Maleszewski

Schmitz said that some of the more popular programs offered are the Ambassador Program, which lasts about two weeks, the University Studies Abroad Consortium and the exchange program. "It all depends on how long the student wants to stay, the location and the credits involved," said Schmitz. We currently have 15 students in Italy, 12 in France, ten in England, and this year we will send 16 to Argentina and Brazil.

Students that have traveled said that the experience is something that cannot be taught through just reading about the culture in a class. "It was amazing. The culture is entirely different," said Jesse Maleszewski, a graduate student that spent 28 days in Japan as a student ambassador. "The knowledge that you gain is more than in any classroom."

With the exchange programs, students attend sister universities abroad and come back with WSU credit. "We have a new sister school in Europe and this is attracting new students, many more than in the past, because we have new agreements and all credits transfer

back," said Schmitz. "We also receive students from abroad in the exchange program. We are actually sending four students to Japan in a program that has WSU students teaching Japanese students English."

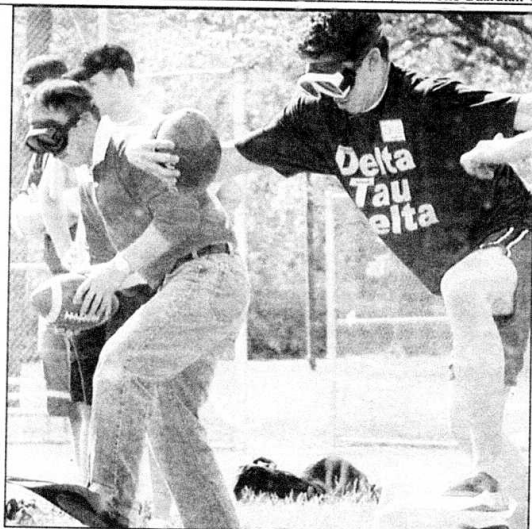
Although most students are favorable of the studying abroad program, there are concerns that are raised due to cost. "I want to study abroad, but it is too expensive," said Nicole Herdman, a modern languages major. "If I had \$12,000 I'd love to spend next year in Europe."

Schmitz said most students tend to go for short-term programs, like two weeks, but many choose to go for a semester or a year. The costs of the programs vary. "It depends on where you go, obviously it is cheaper to go to Costa Rica than France because everything is much cheaper in Costa Rica," Schmitz said. Costs with the program include tuition, housing and all other fees.

When a student decides to study abroad, he or she first needs to pick what program he/she would like to attend, and then discuss this with a faculty advisor. The student can then apply for the program and will be interviewed by the University Center for International Education.

"It's not a complicated process, just ongoing," Schmitz said. She also said that studying abroad is a remarkable experience, not just because of academic growth, but also for personal growth as well. "Students come back with an understanding of other cultures and practices as well as a new language. Currently, the world is getting smaller so we need to understand new people and cultures and also come back with an appreciation of our own country."

When it comes to the safety of studying abroad Schmitz said safety is her number one concern. "When we send people, we know we are sending them to safe places. We have an emergency plan and are always in contact with our students and faculty. Both insurance and our institution cover them. Students also have a mandatory orientation to attend prior to departing. We discuss behavior, culture, conduct, health issues, safety and how to not take risks."



Members of Delta Tau Delta celebrate Greek Week last spring to get pumped up for the annual May Daze event.

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Greek life branches out

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With a total of 17 fraternities and sororities on the WSU campus, every student is offered the chance to be a part of an everlasting bond and help out around the community, said current and past members of Greek life at WSU.

Being a member of Greek life is a very beneficial, community-friendly way of making a difference and creating lasting relationships, said Josh Burger, former member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at WSU. "It really helped me get connected with the campus and with WSU as a whole. It really can bring a person into WSU."

Iris Mirelez, former alumna of the Delta Zeta sorority said she agrees in saying that Greek life offers students a chance to learn and grow as an individual. "Sororities and Fraternities in general seek to provide a positive growth for students," said Mirelez.

Greek life is very rewarding and beneficial, said Jena Hartley, senior middle childhood math and science major and member of Zeta Tau Alpha. Being involved in and around the community is an excellent experience everyone should take part in.

"Greek council has ongoing philanthropic activities that promote Greek unity as well as positive images in the community and on WSU's campus. I believe that if people truly knew how beneficial Greek life is to your personal development, academic career, networking skills and the wonderful fulfillment it brings when doing philanthropic activities, they would wholeheartedly give it a try," said Hartley.

Sororities and fraternities tend to have negative stereotypes and connotations to those not involved in Greek life, said Hartley, but it is something you can't fully understand until you are

a part of it. "I believe that there have been negative stereotypes portrayed in society regarding the Greek community. I often wonder if these stereotypes prevent people from looking into Greek life. Entering college I was shy, self-conscious and uninvolved in college life or in the community. My college career is now coming to a close and I know for a fact that Greek life has changed me," said Hartley. "Without Greek life, I believe that I would still be that same shy and self-conscious girl. I truly believe that Greek life leads you to discover the most beneficial tool for your future, yourself!"

"Sororities and Fraternities (. . .) provide a positive growth for students."

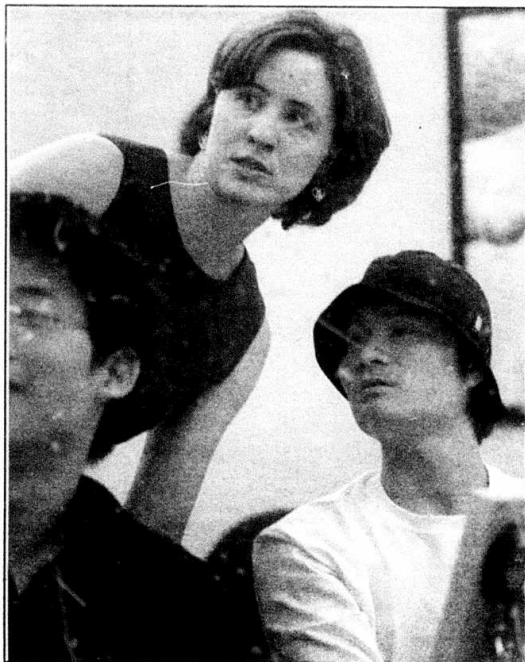
— Iris Mirelez

WSU doesn't do much to try and promote Greek life on campus, said Burger. The fraternities and sororities must take it upon themselves to recruit, which is difficult due to the minimal advertising accessibility. "The lack of apathy at WSU makes it difficult for all the Greek organizations to recruit new members, but we always try to extend ourselves to WSU and promote ideals such as good grades and community service."

Many Greek organizations such as Delta Tau Delta try to promote themselves to prospective students through numerous ways. "We have a lot of things that we do to get our name out there such as community service, being one of the better GPA fraternities, and winning Greek Week every year," said Matt Hammond, member of Delta Tau Delta.

Formal recruitment for Greek organizations usually takes place in early fall of each year.

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LEAP adjunct instructor Maria Bogeman assists WSU international students.

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to learn about different cultures through dance, songs and other cultural items," said Horan. "All students are invited and we want them to come. It's a great place to learn and meet new people, and it's a good party."

"I would really like to meet new friends," said Francois Munyemana, a student who made it from Rwanda through Belgium and plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering.

"There are two funds in which the community can help students," said Horan. "The LEAP scholarship fund helps international students pay LEAP tuition. 100 percent of the proceeds donated to this fund are used to pay tuitions of students who demonstrate need and merit. We have, for instance, a student from Rwanda, if it wasn't for

the scholarship fund, would not have been able to study here and be reunited with his family. Supporting a program like the scholarship fund can make a very big difference in a person's life."

Along with the scholarship fund, there is also the LEAP program fund. "The scholarship fund doesn't market itself, and the proceeds go to manage the scholarship fund. This goes to get the word out about the program; if nobody knows about the program it is hard to get contributors. You need people for the fund," said Horan. "The LEAP Program fund also includes all kinds of other activities to enhance the international students' experiences in a structured environments, such as going out to experience the local community."

Protection implemented for future worm attacks

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CaTS has installed new software campus-wide in response to the worm attacks this fall in hopes of preventing further invasions.

Vshield is a new antivirus program that actively scans every piece of software that comes into the computer. "It actually watches the machine as you are performing various actions," said Mike Natale, manager of desktop services in computing and telecommunication services (CaTS). "If you're downloading an attachment to an email, it will scan that attachment for viruses. Any document that you would pull off of a floppy, it would check that too."

"Before, we'd catch the virus or worm after the fact, after it had infected the machine. This actually catches it in the act of attempting to infect the machine."

— Mike Natale

Previously, the machines would scan the computer as soon as they were logged into the Novell network, said Natale, but the old system would not scan the computers continuously. "Before, we'd catch the virus or worm after the fact, after it had infected the machine. This actually catches it in the act of attempting to infect the machine."

The VShield software is run in addition to software that works on the email servers. "As an email comes in, if it has a virus or a particular attachment it is usually stripped," said Patricia Vendt, information security officer in CaTS.

With the latest outbreak, CaTS was able to stop the MyDoom worm before it reached the computers. "We recognized it before the major onslaught," said Vendt. "We were able to call the night before to make sure that the patches was up to date. So the next morning we had our first meeting. We knew what we needed to do, and we began doing it. It was a very quick deployment."


Although virtually every desktop computer on campus that is supported by CaTS has Vshield installed, some computers may have still been infected by the recent worm attacks. "There are some computers on campus that CaTS does not support, that fall under the purview of another department, and they may have gotten infected," said Natale.

Last year, the MSBlast worm, also known as Blaster, infected what is believed to be hundreds of thousands of computers worldwide, including hundreds of computers on campus. "We had to scramble to take care of that thing," Natale said. "It was a pretty broad infection."

Like most Internet Technology services, the CaTS department was caught off guard by the Blaster worm and others like it last quarter. "Previous [viruses] like 'I Love You' were completely different," said Vendt. "We were able to block many of them at the ports and contain them."

Most corporations and large-scale organizations have since cleaned the Blaster worm out of their systems, but many home users still unknowingly have the virus on their computers. Microsoft's website states, "for many users in this situation, there is little indication that they are infected other than possible performance degradation."

CaTS is offering the VShield antivirus software for free through their webpage. More information can be found at www.wright.edu/cats/info.



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Student Government offers new cabinet position



Student Government President Lucas Beagle and Vice President Denada Sharra

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WSU's Student Government is offering a new cabinet position that is available for only international students. This platform position was created by vice president Denada Sharra and president Lucas Beagle, who after much research, found out that international students are not considered minorities by the federal government, thus not eligible for aid.

"This is a platform position for an international student. We began by creating a committee and doing research of international students here at WSU. We wanted to find out how involved they wanted to be in campus activities," said Sharra. "I then had a meeting with the student international office to see how big of a group of international students we had, and to get a feel for what they go through and the problems they have here on campus. We determined that they did want a voice in student government because they are not recognized as a minority group by federal law. This law states that instead of being minorities, they are just foreigners. We then wrote a resolution and presented it to the Student Government Senate who said this

should be a cabinet position rather than a senator position. The resolution passed and this cabinet position is now open for an international student to fill."

The position went through the following procedures; it was approved by the director of international student affairs, then approved by the senate and professor in charge of student government. Both Sharra and Mr. Beagle want this to be a paid position because that is how they presented the position in the committee. There is currently not money in the budget to pay the international student for the rest of this year, but the student organization budget committee is in charge of passing a resolution to make this a paid position, which it most likely will be for the next academic year.

International students who are interested in applying for this position should be registered with the university center for international education and should also submit an application to the Student Government and go through the interview process. Other than this, the requirements for the international student who takes this position will be the same as any other member of Student Government.

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freshman students who participated in a learning community their freshman year versus freshman that did not participate.

In 2002, the participation of students in a learning community was 84 percent, or 1,711 freshman students. Only 332 freshman students did not participate in a learning community. The retention rate of the students who were involved in a learning community was up to 70 percent versus the 58 percent rating of students who were not involved with a learning community. "Learning communities definitely help out in many ways, both for the student and the university," said Saul.

Saul said he believes students transfer or drop out because, "students have reasons to be someplace else. Phone

surveys we have conducted have shown that many students drop out or transfer for financial reasons and also personal and family reasons."

Compared to surrounding schools, WSU's rate of retention is on the lower end of the spectrum. According to the website of Ohio State University, they have an 87 percent retention rate while the University of Dayton is at 85 percent. According to the Your Right to Know manual, Miami University leads the group with a 90 percent retention rate.

Many freshman students said that they believe they will stay at WSU for the long run. Freshman Jeremy Rea said he would not leave WSU, while sophomore Nichole Herdman said she actually transferred to WSU due to the majors that are offered.

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No longer any doubt: the war was wrong



by Athens Goodwrench

I'll never forget the good feelings I felt the day we watched the statue of Saddam fall in Iraq, or the irony of finding him hiding in a dirt hole across the river from his palace. Finally the day had come when we had captured our Frankenstein. Finally, I thought, those in Bush's administration could clear their guilty consciences for breathing life into this monster who endangered the world. Now all that is left is the tragic realization that more Frankenstein's are in the White House basement, and that there was no guilty conscience. The safety of Iraqis is a distant dream, no closer to being realized now than five years ago. Why do I feel this way? Let's go through it reason by reason for war.

Reason one: Osama and Saddam were friends, and he probably helped in the September 11th attacks. This is probably the most impossible and touted of all fictions proposed. Al-Qaida's purpose is to destroy groups that threaten Islam, not just America. The West is the highest on the list, but Saddam is a close runner-up. Not only did he mandate Iraq to be a secular state rather than an Islamic state like Iran, he even had a Christian as his Prime Minister. On top of that, he is a Sunni Muslim that oppresses and has murdered Shi'ites, the same faction of Islam as bin Laden. Saddam did not just concern himself with potential assassinations from the U.S., he was also concerned about Al-Qaida, a very real political opponent he did not want spreading in Iraq.

Reason two: Weapons of Mass Destruction (try not to snicker too much). Truth be told, WMD's or not, it does not matter. Saddam only demonstrated a concern for maintaining his place on the throne and was not interested in anything to tempt the U.S. into his removal. He never would have wanted it traced back to him, because it was a battle he could not have won in a million years, and he had a lot to lose. He was even more neutralized with constant U.N. inspections that kept him from even running a program to become a problem. If you recall, Iraq only managed to fire about five missiles at the U.S., none of which reached their targets.

Reason three: Mass graves. Like the mass graves in South America, Africa and Vietnam, the mass graves in Iraq have our fingerprints all over them. The Regan/Bush/Bush Jr. administrations gave these weapons to Saddam despite his use of these weapons on the Kurds.

This is why I referred to the guilty consciences above, it is all the same people in power now as then: Cheney, Rumsfeld, Ashcroft and Powell. A quick Internet search can yield you pictures of Rumsfeld delivering weapons personally to Saddam. Another search and you can find the Christian Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz (#43 of 55 most wanted) sitting cozily in front of the fire with Reagan. Some of these mass graves were the result of our illegal bombing campaigns throughout the nineties. During the Gulf War Bush Sr. encouraged the Kurds to rise up and rebel against Saddam; he then left them to be slaughtered once we won the Oil Independence War of 1991. Bush knew this would happen when he backed down. This backstabbing even inspired the movie "Three Kings" starring George Clooney and Marky Mark. By the way, we reinstalled the dictator of Kuwait after we won that war.

"Like the mass graves in South America, Africa and Vietnam, the mass graves in Iraq have our fingerprints all over them."

Reason Four: Removal of bad guy and freedom to Iraqis, just doing our duty as justice. If this is the case, then why do we not apply these principles universally? Uzbekistan is ruled by one very nasty dictator who abuses his people and has even boiled protesters to death. This year we doubled foreign aid to him and provided him with WMD's of his choosing. We even have special forces that train his

military personnel to maintain order, the same personnel who carry out the abuse. The CIA's website names Uzbekistan's primary concerns as human rights abuses and lack of democracy. President Islam Karimov is every bit the bad guy Saddam is; however he has oil and airbases right next to Afghanistan. The point remains, those running this war don't give a damn about the freedom of foreigners.

Reason Five: His defiance of the U.N. by misleading weapons inspectors and violating resolutions. Now here is hypocrisy gone berserk. I can't count on two hands the number of treaties Bush has broken since he has been in office. We snubbed the U.N. to fight this war, and we don't allow U.N. weapons inspectors into some of our secret bases where we do our primary nuclear and chemical weapons research. To date we are the only country to use nuclear weapons on civilians, and we have overthrown enough democracies around the world to warrant frequent inspections. We also scoffed when Iraq provided the U.N. with an "incomplete" list of what happened to their chemical weapons. Our U.S. military has lost hundreds of nuclear warheads, and considering the things we have found, chances are it was just never written down and forgotten. Remember the blueprints we found buried in an Iraqi's backyard that were 12 years old? I doubt anyone of authority in Iraq knew where it was.

Last but not least, the war was to make us safer. While Bush has spent billions overseas in war, we have pumped up security at airports, and stripped civil liberties; we are not safer. Imagine an attack to one of these plants; 9/11 would pale in comparison. Not to mention that



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since Bush challenged the attackers in Iraq to "bring it on," 512 good soldiers have fallen. This war has just been one big distraction from real defense, and we have gone from being the most loved country to the most loathed in less than one election term.

This war was not right, and it served no other purpose than protection of the Saudi interest. The land of the free is slave to the dictatorship of the royal family in Saudi Arabia and their \$3 trillion in our stock market. Our poor troops are paying the price, and some day our civilians will pay that price again. Not just will the price be paid in trillions of dollars, but it will be paid in innocent lives. God help us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to "Give terrorism a new name" (February 11)

Mr. Burkett opens his "opinion" by telling his reader that he finds "it important for [him] to ignore world events". Why, then, does he feel that he is informed enough to tell us that America's War on Terrorism is wrong?

I also had those incessant calls from recruiters when I was in high school. When weighing my options, however, I decided not to join because I did not want to sign my name to the risk involved. Yes, joining the reserves is a very good way to pay for college. However, each reservist knows when signing up that he or she is available for war at any time. Thinking otherwise is pure ignorance.

I have heard multiple stories from two of my friends who have been in Iraq seeing the war first-hand. While they may disagree that there are weapons of mass destruction, they believe that the United States has done the right thing by invading Iraq based on the reactions of the Iraqi citizens. These are stories of children hugging U.S. soldiers and adults kissing their feet. Did I mention that both of these friends were in the reserves to pay for college?

I am also appalled that Mr. Burkett would want terrorists to "see us as less threatening". Does he forget September 11, or have those horrific images already been erased from his mind? I, for one, will never forget them. Let me remind you. On September 11, 2001, thousands of Americans as well as many visitors from other countries were attacked, unprovoked, as they went about their morning activities. Obviously, being non-threatening to the terrorists was not the answer.

I hope that Mr. Burkett will take the advice of Matthew Jacob Moon XIV in his reply to "student voting on a steady decline". Mr. Moon said "simply stated, if you are really informed and understand politics --- VOTE. If you don't, please stay at home and watch the local news. I don't want your reckless, ignorant, ill-informed self canceling out my vote." Mr. Burkett, please stay home.

Ashley Wilson

Opinion

Atkins and South Beach are nothing new



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People around the world may be starving, but Americans are fortunate enough to have the unique dilemma of needing to lose weight. Men and women across the country have been hailing different

diets for decades, and the newest two, the Atkins Diet and the South Beach Diet, are not especially revolutionary.

The Atkins Diet primarily recommends the reduction of carbohydrate intake (your wholegrain foods) and focuses on protein for nutrition. The South Beach Diet instead contends that dieters must eat good carbohydrates and the right fats. And especially pertinent to both is that additional food is allowed by increases in

exercise or activity.

There are many aspects to maintaining physical health, but there are a few golden rules that should help Wright State get into shape for Spring Break swimsuits and summer shorts.

Most importantly, make sure to implement exercise into a daily routine. As the days get longer and warmer, use this energy to your advantage. Unfortunately, driving to school, walking to class and climbing stairs will no longer suffice. Take a jog around campus or on the bike trail to build aerobic endurance.

Weight lifting is essential for all around health and will drastically improve weight-loss. Adding muscle will burn significantly more calories and increase metabolism, this is a critical foundation to general health. Stop by the Student Union or the Nut Center and make the most of the resources available at virtually no cost. There is no need to lift heavy weights, instead focus on repetitions and slowly increase weights to build

muscle endurance.

Time is always a limiting factor for busy Wright State students but three to ten hours per week ought to be available on a regular basis. It is also recommended to team with a group or friend that will encourage commitment to a regular workout schedule.

Any diet without exercise will be futile and there are many other courses

"No fad diet alone will improve overall health..."

of action that Americans must take.

We are bombarded daily by food advertisements, particularly of scrumptious and fattening foods. Television would be the principle culprit and the solution, unsurprisingly, to turn off the tube. Fast food in almost any incarnation can be more appropriately called "fat food." Nothing

fried in hydrogenated oils and covered with cheese will ever be healthy, sorry. It is a shame that the average income is being eroded so that many Americans can no longer afford anything BUT fast food.

As a new generation in American culture, we need to focus on eating fruits and vegetables and innovating new preparations. Salads need to be spruced up in novelty and taste. Candy bars, vending foods, five percent juice sugar water drinks and sodas must be eliminated from a regular diet to lose weight and these junk foods ought to be boycotted on campus. To reiterate from earlier this year, nothing cooked in The Hangar will improve health.

No fad diet alone will improve overall health in a significantly better way from what most people know to be healthy—skip the cookie aisle and use those muscles. Cheers to beer, bikinis, beaches and better health.



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Scene

Paint it Black and Don't Look Back

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Matthew Winters, a twenty-three-year-old former Wright State student, is on the verge in the music scene. His latest release, a three-song solo EP, is a tantalizing example of great music potential. It's a collection of chills-out, groove-driven songs that are easy to listen to and have catchy melodies and vibrant lyrics.

REVIEW

Winters, a Cleveland native, describes his own music as "good late night thinking-and-driving music." And that's a pretty fair description. The three songs have a driving rhythm and melodic riffs that make the songs hypnotic, catching the listener and holding them for the duration. Once the listener is hooked by the catchy music, the haunting lyrics do the rest. Although, some of the lyrics are difficult to understand, most of them are interesting and thought-provoking. So not only are these goods songs to listen to you while you're driving and thinking, they can also stimulate new ripples of thoughts to keep you sustained if you've run out of ideas or are lost in your own thoughts.

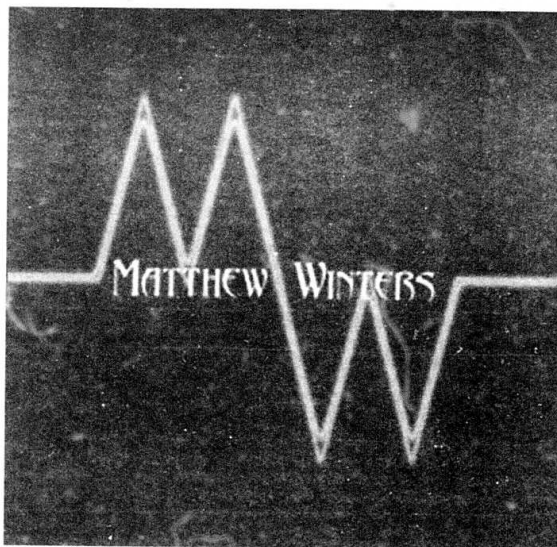
The most notable aspect of this CD, beyond the obvious musical talent of Matthew Winters, is that it was composed entirely by Winters with the

most basic and inexpensive equipment. This artist doesn't even have a guitar amp and yet he is able to compose a rough yet sophisticated sound. Winters, who claims most of his song-writing inspiration comes to him in dreams, is dedicated to honest, well-developed music.

Matthew Winters' music is almost impossible to classify into any given genre but is definitely on the psychedelic side and has been influenced by several different bands. Musically he has been influenced by bands such as Pink Floyd and Doors. As a solo artist, creating his own CD's, he has been influenced by such bands as Sublime, White Strips, and the Moldy Peaches. There is also a definite blues influence in the underlying riffs of his songs that helps create the diversity of his music.

Winters plans for the future include another solo-release and possibly searching for or starting a new band. I think recording with other musicians will make his music that much better. While the solo compilation is impressive in its creativity and achievement, the weight of other talented-musicians along with Winters will be a recipe for success. The songs represented by his current album, "Paint It Black and Don't Look Back" could definitely benefit from the flexible creativity of other musicians that will only challenge and produce things that are even better.

Matthew Winters is currently releasing free versions of his songs on garageband.com and is selling copies of his current CD as well as past ones



on his website, www.matthewwinters.com. In the future we can expect to hear a lot more from Winters. His next planned release is a 6-song EP entitled "Will Rock for Food", due out

sometime after the holidays. He describes this next batch of ever-evolving music as "a new-wave spin on dirty old blues." Sounds interesting and sounds like fun.

EVENT CALENDAR

February 1 - March 1	Sangram Majumdar, University Art Galleries
February 18 - 22	Disney On Ice, Hara Arena
February 20 - 21	Thunder National Monster Trucks, Nutter Center
February 27	Rodney Carrington, Hara Arena
March 5	Mercy Me, Nutter Center
March 6	Alabama, Nutter Center

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WSU engineering students' gears in motion

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Meet the WSU Quad Cycle Rider

Down in the depths (okay, the basement) of the Russ Engineering Center, where only bold mechanical engineering students and their advisors dare travel, there is a fierce piece of machinery that can reach speeds of 22 miles per hour.

It is called the WSU Quad Cycle Rider, a bike that began as a project for Dr. Junghsen Leih's mechanical engineering students and was later used to compete in the 2003 Human Powered Vehicle Challenge, an event which was held at the University of Missouri last year.

The Challenge

"I wanted to help create innovative, safe and environmental friendly vehicles for both transportation and recreation," Leih said. With this idea in mind, Leih and his mechanical engineering students set out to build the WSU Quad Cycle Rider.



Photo Courtesy of Michelle Ditto

Dr. Junghsen Leih and mechanical engineering students.

Using hand rowers from old exercise machines and a steel frame, Leih and his students, with the welding assistance of another WSU student, Wilford George, built a 200-pound bike that seats four riders.

Looking sort of like a golf cart, the bike has four seats and four wheels. However, there is no engine to help move this bike. It's all leg power. "It gives the riders a full body work out," Leih said. Each wheel also has two pedals on either side of the wheel to help keep the bike moving.

Competing in Missouri

After the Quad Cycle was finished it was ready to compete. At the University of Missouri there were four categories in which WSU could participate: design, sprint, utility and endurance. WSU competed against 7 teams from

around the country.

Endurance, which was probably the hardest of the four, consisted of the 4 riders on the bike, with 3 relay groups per team. "Each team could run 10-20 miles, and whichever team finished first, won," Leih said.

Out of the four categories, WSU placed 2nd in the all Utility (which included loading, unloading, bump, stop and go and maneuverability) and 1st in the individual Utility test.

The WSU Quad Cycle took home a trophy and also appeared on the cover of Ohio Engineer, a publication put out by the Ohio Society of professional engineers.

This Year's Competition

For this year's competition, which will be held in Florida in May, WSU will bring along three new inventions to compete. One team, consisting of mechanical engineering students, will make a bike that will utilize the feet and arms to propel the bike.

"We decided to use feet and arms to help push. My team is building a bike



Photo Courtesy of Michelle Ditto

WSU Quad Cycle.

where you pump your arms while you are pedaling...we are hoping to get a lot of power out of it," McClurg said. "This bike is a little bit more complicated...it's got eight chains," he added.

According to McClurg, the other team will make a bike that "uses both arms to help propel the bike...it'll make it a heck of a lot easier to steer," McClurg said. This team's bike will have two wheels in the front, one wheel in the back, and will be steered by the rear wheel.

According to John Mingus, a mechanical engineering graduate student, "The third team is doing a basic tricycle, one wheel in the front, two wheels in the back. Instead of normal pedaling motion, he's going to have a sliding motion, instead of doing a rotation."

"There are three very unique designs that will be presented," Mingus said. "Hopefully we'll get these together and start testing in April," Mingus added.

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Haley's Hints: The Things you'd never think of and other bits of advice

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Why Haley?

Graham and Rosemary Haley have been providing household and daily life hints for over ten years. They started giving their extraordinary and clever advice on a Canadian television show which now has grown and expanded to include over 20 countries. You can catch their show here in the USA on PBS stations across the country. The Haley's also wrote a book containing more than 2,000 hints entitled Haley's Hints which is a New York Times Bestseller. With the recent release of the paperback edition, access to these hints is affordable for almost anyone.

Why Haley?

The advice that Graham and Rosemary Haley provide is simple, realistic and money-saving. They started by asking some elderly people they knew about how they "did it in the old days." What they learned is that many of the money-saving tricks our grandparents and great-grandparents used are still applicable today. With so much waste and want in the world, Haley's Hints shows us ways to recycle items and use them in new ways. They deal with common, ordinary items such as panty hose and kitchen supplies.

The advice in the Haley's Hints is also cross-cultural and especially cross-generational. There's advice for everyone on just about everything in day-to-day life. For teenagers there's advice on dealing with pimples and

blackheads. There's a whole chapter devoted to senior citizens and another devoted to kids (for the mothers to read and then apply of course). There's also an entire section on the kitchen which holds good tips for everyone. Some of the other sections in the book deal with household maintenance such as plumbing and ways to save on your electric bill. There's a section devoted to sports and another to camping and outdoor barbecues.

The Hints

- Here are some of the tips from Graham and Rosemary that you'll find in Haley's Hints:
- For pimples and blemishes, apply lemon juice to help dry them out more quickly.

• Tired of buying shampoo so often? Ordinary shampoo can be diluted with water and still be able to clean hair effectively.

• To remove coffee or tea stains from your teeth, brush with lemon juice.

• Outdoor eating? Place a chewed piece of mint flavored gum on your paper plate to discourage flies.

• Enjoying a beer while barbecuing outside? To keep it from going flat, place a wooden matchstick across the rim.

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Mamma Soufflé

Dear Mamma Soufflé,

I think my roommate might be doing things behind my back. Nasty things, like using my toothbrush. I'm embarrassed to admit my suspicions to anyone, but I've got to do something. Every day when I brush my teeth in the morning, I always leave my brush with the bristles pointing towards the mirror. Lately, when I come back from classes I've noticed the brush pointing the wrong way. My roommate is always asleep when I leave the dorm, and he is always gone when I get back. So I have no idea what he does when I'm not there. I don't know him very well, and his personal hygiene is sometimes questionable. I'm convinced that he's been using my toothbrush. His never seems to move and it looks brand new! I'm afraid that he might be using other things of mine. How do I find out for sure and how do I get him to stop?

Sincerely,
Roommate of the Toothbrush Bandit

Dear Roommate of the Toothbrush Bandit,

My first bit of advice is not to fret. Even if your roommate is using your toothbrush, it's not really that big of a deal. The human mouth contains hydrochloric acid after all, so I'm sure that you're perfectly safe. If you're still concerned, however, there are many things that you can do to resolve the situation.

The first and most obvious situation would be to hide your toothbrush from him. I would recommend a place he isn't likely to look, like your desk drawer among your pencils and pens; or you could simply carry your toothbrush with you at all times. When you leave for school in the morning, stow it in your bookbag. While you're at it, you can carry a tube of toothpaste as well and brush your teeth in between classes. Of course these measures will only solve your concern for your toothbrush. But there are many other items in the dorm room that may be at stake.

The first area you want to be concerned with are personal undergarments. It is likely that your roommate doesn't want to dirty his own things (which explains the pristine condition of his toothbrush); he would rather dirty yours. Try and note how often—if ever—your roommate does his laundry. It's possible that instead of dirtying his own underwear, he's dirtying yours instead. But never fear. To prevent him from borrowing your underwear and returning it to your drawer, unwashed, simply stop washing your underwear altogether. After awhile, the underwear will be so dirty and smelly that he won't want to wear it in the first place. This will prevent him from borrowing such items in the future. Remember this also can apply to socks, pajamas and t-shirts.

To further protect yourself from your roommate's unwanted use of your personal items, keep a close watch on your food and drink items. For instance, it's possible that your roommate might drink from your soda when you're not looking. To prevent him from drinking your soda, simply spit into the can as soon as you've opened it. Make sure your roommate sees and notices first, however; since it will have little effect if he doesn't know that your saliva is in the drink.

Lastly, you can always take the direct approach and ask your roommate if he is guilty of these things. Who knows? He might even tell you the truth. But always remember what my old Grand Pappy Soufflé used to say, "A sharing friend is a caring friend."

Mamma Soufflé

Break of Day

By Nate Fakes

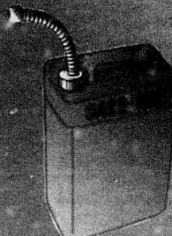


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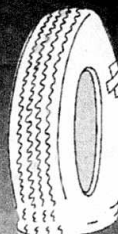
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Revisiting 60's and 70's rock



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Jet's "Get Born" a step back in time

Forget Nicole Kidman and the Crocodile Hunter, the hottest thing to come out of Australia is the new band Jet. Fans of classic rock from the 60's

and 70's will undoubtedly notice the references to The Kinks, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles on this CD.

You Get What You Need

Get Born is a trip back into time; only you don't have to wear the ugly bellbottoms. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" brilliantly teases the listener with

the simple sounds of a tambourine before the low rumble of Cameron Muncy's guitar takes over. Don't forget the fun hand-clapping, either. Invoking images of go-go boots and plaid pants, "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" is a mere appetizer for what is about to come.

"You Get What You Need" is a fun play on the Rolling Stones song and is infused with a Beatlesque chorus.

"Get Me Out of Here" and the AC/DC inspired tune "Cold Hard Bitch" provide a main course of angst with an extra helping of revenge.

Look What You've Done

This band doesn't wait for dessert; it infuses its sweet tooth throughout the entire album. After the hard rocking "Rollover DJ" there's a sweet, sad ballad called "Look What You've Done." Accompanied only by the piano, which closely resembles the piano melody from The Beatles' "Let it Be", this is the band's break-up song of the album.

They even throw in two other ballads, "Come Around Again", and "Timothy", two acoustic tunes which showcase Nic Cester's (lead vocals) vocal ability, adding a softer side to the album that makes this album cohesive and easy to digest.

Easy to listen to, easy to sing along with and even easier to keep in your CD player, you just may find a desire to bust out a pair of clogs or bellbottoms and dance right along with the hip shaking tambourine.

What happens when sparks fly?

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WSU's Tim Huling's band setting stages on fire

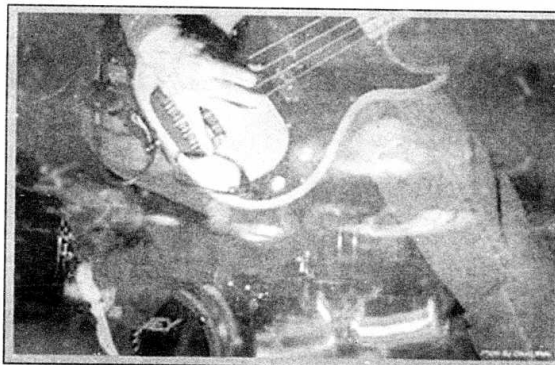
When Sparks Fly

"We had been going by a previous band name and a kid at a show came up to us and said that when we played, [it was like] sparks began to fly," Huling, a junior business major at WSU said. Together for 4 years, When Sparks Fly says their musical influences are Sick of it All, Green Day, Afghan Whigs and 80's metal and punk rock.

And their sparks have indeed flown. According to Lokie Lewis, guitarist and vocalist, When Sparks Fly has set stages on fire up and down the east coast with two different tours. They've played with bands such as Poison the Well, Ultimate Fakebook, Eighteen Visions and Let it Burn.

Punk and Pop

Formed in Dayton, this band has a little something in it for everyone. Consisting of Justin Roseberry (vocals), Lewis (guitar), Brandon Wolpert, (drums) and Huling, When Sparks Fly appeals to a diverse audience. With Huling's vocals more on the melodic side and Douglas's vocals more from deep inside his throat, When Sparks Fly appeals to the pop and punk audiences alike.



And these audiences have been talking. When Sparks Fly has been featured and reviewed by punkstation.com, cincy-punk.net, punkupdates.com and even Dayton's own alternative newsweekly, Dayton City Paper.

Dayton City Paper said this band's music "floats above the lull of overplayed radio grind and remains a cohesive example of When Sparks Fly's energy...Roseberry and Lewis create a musical cocktail of complimentary sound."

Best Buy & Nice Guy Records

According to Huling, one of the

biggest successes of the band's career thus far was when the band was signed by Nice Guy Records, a company based out of Cincinnati. "We had known the president of the label for a couple years, and we showed him our CD, and he wanted to release it on his label."

Roseberry added that another one of the band's biggest successes is having their CD being sold in stores and on websites. "To me, one of the biggest successes as a band would be that we are being sold in Best Buy, Virgin Megastores and other websites."

After having released two CD's, the band has a little advice for anyone who would like their band to be heard:

Want your band to be heard?

Advice from When Sparks Fly:

- Norman: Play as much as possible.
- Douglas: Practice, Practice, Practice.
- James: Don't wait for anyone's help.
Get out and promote your selves.
- Neal: Get some good equipment.

Want to learn more about When Sparks Fly?

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Sports

Raiders gearing up for League Championship

Both teams looking to defend their titles

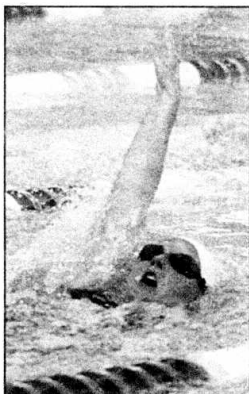
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With a week left of regular season practice, they still aren't tired; however, morning practices are a thing of the past as things slow down for the Raiders swimming and diving teams, leading up to the league championships.

Emotions are still running high as both teams prepare for the Horizon League Swimming & Diving Conference Championship held next weekend in Chicago, IL. They will depart Tuesday, February 24th, and compete all week long.

In order to prepare for such an important event, the Raiders have been recapping past performances and scouting other teams, such as UW-Milwaukee. Although WSU is favored to win the conference meet, the Panthers also have a clear shot at the title. "We aren't taking anyone for granted even though we know that we can win the whole thing. The coaches have been informing us as to who we need to watch and what events we absolutely need to



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Maggie Napier, follows up to help the Raiders defend their title to stay above the water and dominate their competitors.

win," freshman Andrea Hess said of the team's preparation.

Several WSU athletes have landed in the top performances of 2003. Senior Jackie Dexter currently holds the third place in the 50-Yard Freestyle (24.53) and second place in the 100-Yard Butterfly (58.03). Fellow senior Julie Coghlan has first-place times in the

1000 and 1650-Yard Freestyle events with times of 10:25.43 and 17:41.12, respectively. She also has a 5:08.73 time in the 500-Yard Freestyle, good enough for the second top time. Freshman Tina Pandza holds first place in the 200-Yard Freestyle swim with a time of 1:54.43 and second in the 100-Yard event (53.49). Junior Katie Hunter has the second best times in the 200-Yard Breaststroke (2:22.10) and 200-Yard Individual Medley (2:11.59). She also is third in the 100-Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:06.72. Sophomore Amy Cron holds the third top finish in the 100-Yard Backstroke (59.02). Diver Roberta Borkowski has once collected a score of 262.73 in six dives. Relay teams are top in the books, too. They hold three first and second place top finishes.

The Men also face tough competition. Sophomore Elvis Cirikovic is the third top finisher in the 100-Yard Freestyle (44.90). Freshman Will Ehresman is second in the 1650-Yard and third in the 1000-Yard Freestyle with times of 9:49.53 and 16:32.52, respectively. Sophomore Rafael Cando is top in the 100-Yard Breaststroke (57.30) and second in the 200-Yard of the same event (2:06.06). Fellow sophomore Alex Dolgov is second in both

the 200 and 400-Yard Individual Medley events.

Hess also said, "Jackie Dexter is an amazing athlete; Elvis Cirikovic deserves to receive some awards as well. Everyone is just doing an amazing

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-Freshman, Andrea Hess

job."

It would indeed be nice to bring home a repeat trophy. It's evident that they will do just about anything to secure a victory. "We aren't practicing as much as we do in the off-season and pre-season, so we don't need to eat as much. Also, we walk a lot slower to class. We do anything to conserve energy," Hess said.

One thing is for certain and that is when the Raiders take to the pool next week they will be all business and looking to fulfill their season-long goal.

Raiders struggle at the All-Ohio championships

Team hopes to come together by Indianapolis meet Jan 28th

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The women's indoor track team traveled to Findlay once again for the All-Ohio Championships meet. Although the women did not score a point in competition, they were led by a great finish by freshman Courtney Mann in the weight throw.

Mann's toss of 46'9" was good for 12th place while senior teammate Jessica Stanley finished 14th with a toss of 42'11". Stanley and Mann also competed in the shot put for the Raiders. Stanley threw 37'8" for a 17th place finish and Mann threw 36'9", good for a 19th place showing. In the long jump, Catherine Mako, Jamie Paige and Alicia Sanford were good for 16th, 17th and 18th place finishes on jumps of 15'6", 15'5" and 13'11" respectively.

The women fared nearly the same in the running events as they did in the field events. The sprinters found themselves up against some stiff competition. In the 60-meter dash, junior Jamie Paige finished 29th in a time of 8.31. In



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Stephanie Supan, races past her competitors during the Valentine's Day meet in Findlay. The Raiders head to Columbus for the Ohio State Invitational this Saturday the 21st.

the 60-meter hurdles, the Raiders were led by sophomore Jenn Williams' 18th place finish in a time of 9.60 seconds

and sophomore Kelly Bloemer's 20th place finish in a time of 10.47. In the 200-meter dash, sophomore Stephanie Supan led the women with a 21st place finish in 26.76 seconds. Junior Ashlie Jenkins also ran the 200 in a time of 27.4, good for 28th place.

The mid-distance women fared best in the 800-meter run. Senior Leslie Reinhard ran to a 13th place finish in a time of 2:28.10, freshman Ashley Shaffer finished 16th in a time of 2:32.02, and sophomore Melissa Danzer was 17th with a time of 2:35.23. In the 400-meter dash, sophomore Stephanie Francis and senior Tana Blakely finished in 22nd and 23rd respectively with times of 1:01.39 and 1:01.88. The Raiders only competed in one distance event, in which freshman Marie McVetta ran a 6:07.19 in the mile, good for a 16th place finish.

Head Coach Bob Schul is optimistic about how his girls will finish their indoor season in two weeks at the conference meet. He noted some of the better performances that he saw over the weekend but knows that his athletes

will only get better. "Courtney (Mann) is really starting to look pretty good. You've got Miami, Findlay, Bowling Green and other tough schools at this meet. Youngstown has some very good sprinters. As far as the Horizon League goes, Jenn Williamson is still ranked fairly high in the hurdles. If Leslie Reinhard runs the 800 somewhere in the 2:26's she could make the finals at conference. Our 400 girls (Francis and Blakely) need to be running a second faster, and I think they can do that."

The way that Schul is talking, his team should fare relatively well the weekend of the 28th at the Horizon League Championships in Indianapolis. First the women will travel to Ohio State this weekend for the Scarlet and Gray Invitational at French Fieldhouse.

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Softball ready to kick off season down south Raiders want to defend their conference tourney title

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The 2003 Horizon League Softball champions are back for more, and this time they are stacked with a full roster. Twenty young ladies and three coaches are ready to hit the road this weekend for a much warmer North Carolina climate, wanting to bring home their first pre-season tournament championship. Actually, every weekend from now until April is booked. That's when the fun starts, 16 games in 30 days.

Under Head Coach, Shelia Nahrgang, First Assistant Coach, Nicole Pluger and former WSU pitching sensation, Kristin Bultinik, the Wright State Softball team is preparing for a long, demanding season. Fortunately, the underclassmen have five leading ladies to look up to. Seniors Amanda Rutherford (Loveland, CO), Jacqueline Goosen (Coopersville, MI), Erin Hanlon (Mount Orab, OH), Amy

Price (Venedocia, OH) and Becky Babin (Medina, OH), definitely know they are worthy of a repeat championship season. "Four of us have been here from day one. I think we have contributed quite a bit to the program over the past three and half years. Jacqueline (Goosen) transferred before

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—Senior, Amanda Rutherford

last season and has proven that she can play. All of us are excited and eager to lead this team," Rutherford said of her fellow seniors.

Eight freshmen are also joining the Raiders, four of whom can throw from the mound. Officially, five Raiders are pitchers, including returnees, Goosen and sophomore Kati Murnane of Columbus, OH by way of Ready High School. Rutherford added, "This is the first time that I can remember having five girls that are actually able and

qualified to pitch. It makes practices so much easier." Pitching responsibilities the past couple of years have always come down to a few, or even one person. When they are not playing, they are practicing, so pitching shoulders and arms usually end up packed with ice for hours a day.

Over the course of two days, WSU will play Maryland-Baltimore County, Winthrop University, UNC-Greensboro and Delaware State University. On Sunday, they are thrown into bracket play for the chance to win the Seahawk Classic Tournament. "We are playing some tough teams during preseason," Rutherford continued by saying, "We don't mind, though, because it gives us experience for conference play. During off-season, we played Ohio State twice and they are always good, but we only lost to them by one run on both occasions. So we should be pretty good."

The Raiders are a close bunch. Many of them live together and hang out after practice. During the off-season, they went on a boating excursion for a team-bonding experience. Rutherford said, "We also take a day and create team rules and expectations for ourselves. It's important to know everyone's personalities before you step on the field. These kinds of activities make



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Stephanie Salas, help lead in the Horizon league last year.

us stronger mentally and allow us to rely on one another."

WSU will play at UD March 5, 6 and 7 at the Fairfield Inn Flyer Invitational against Dayton, Ohio State, IUPUI (play starts at 4 p.m.). They also play several home games, the majority being double headers. There's plenty of opportunity for Raider fans to cheer them onto another Horizon League Championship and NCAA appearance.

STANDINGS

Horizon League Standings

Conference Overall

Men's Basketball

UW-Milwaukee	12-2	17-7
UW-Green Bay	10-3	16-7
UIC	9-4	18-7
Wright State	9-4	13-11
Detroit	7-6	13-10
Butler	6-7	11-12
Youngstown State	4-9	8-15
Loyola	3-11	7-17
Cleveland State	0-14	4-21

Women's Basketball

UW-Green Bay	10-2	17-6
UW-Milwaukee	9-3	13-10
Cleveland State	9-3	12-11
Detroit	9-4	12-11
Butler	6-6	10-13
UIC	5-8	11-13
Loyola	4-8	9-14
Wright State	3-10	6-17
Youngstown State	1-12	3-21

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After a very trying week at home, games just keep slipping away from the Wright State Women's Basketball team.

Since their last victory came a little over a month ago on January 19th against Detroit, they know they need to overhaul their focus on and off the court. After all, they now stand at 6-17 and 3-10 in the Horizon League. Junior Forward Angie Ott said, "We know that we are on a losing streak. It's obvious and we don't like it."

Last Thursday, the Raiders were greeted by the 9th place Youngstown State University Penguins. The game looked promising for Wright State, but turned out to be just the opposite. Reality finally set in as both teams headed into the locker room during intermission while the scoreboard read 19-15. Scoring is precisely their problem. "Our defense has improved since we returned from the close loss at Green Bay. We just can't seem to find the hole," Ott said of their statistical woes. The Raiders shot just 30% from the field, 37% from behind the arch, and 58% from the line. The final score read 54-42.

Freshman Guard Jeanette Wood-

berry continues to shine as she was the only Raider to score in double-figures with 15. She also led with 4 assists, was perfect from the line, and shot 50% from the field. However, she turned the ball over 9 times. Freshman Center Mimi Goodyear grabbed 9 rebounds

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— Junior, Angie Ott

and added 2 blocks.

"The one major thing that we are lacking is experience. Unfortunately, Ilesha (Gray) is injured, so we are mainly playing with freshmen and sophomores." Ott also added, "Since we can't control that, we have to come up with ways to work around not having big scoring numbers and efficiency. Like I said, we are playing some of the best defense we've played all year. We just can't do much else right now."

Meanwhile, Saturday presented a much greater challenge. Cupid wasn't so nice to the Raiders on Valentine's Day, but had his heart set on the Flames

of UIC. Scoring percentages were similar to the game prior, but UIC is a much better team than WSU. Scoring was a bit more balanced as three Raiders stepped into double-figures. Again, Woodberry came up big with 10 points, as did fellow freshman guard Brittney Whiteside. Whiteside also contributed a game-high 8 rebounds. Leading WSU in scoring was Sophomore Rhea Mays with 11.

The Raiders matched the Flames with 30 points in the second half. However, they lost the contest 70-54 due to an early UIC lead.

WSU plays just two more weekends before entering March, "the month of basketball", for tournament play. Their next home game is Thursday, January 26th against Loyola University at 7 p.m. The Raiders are still in 8th place, but they could climb their way a little higher in the rankings before tournament. "We know that we can play hard and win against high-caliber teams. We beat UW-Green Bay at home and lost to them by one point at their place. Hopefully we will be able to pick it up before the tournament," Ott said. The Raiders continue to practice hard day-in and day-out for that chance at a victory. Perhaps it will soon pay off.

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Raiders fall to hot-shooting Titans

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The men's basketball team split two games this past week, losing at home on Wednesday night at the hands

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-Head Coach, Paul Biancardi

of Detroit and defeating IPFW on Saturday night at the Nutter Center. Because of the conference loss to Detroit Wednesday night, the men are now in fourth place in the Horizon League.

The story of the night in the Raider's loss to Detroit-Mercy was the Titan's great shooting. The men from Detroit shot 60% from the field and 45% from the three-point line which,

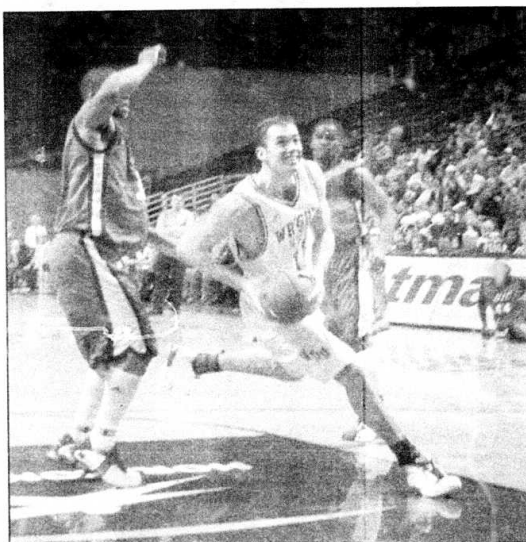
equated to a 74-60 loss for the Raiders.

The first half started well for the Raiders. Both teams traded baskets and neither went on a serious run. With 5 minutes still left in the half, the Raiders were only down by one, 25-24, but after a few mental errors by Wright State, the Titans were able to go on a 9-2 run, and going into halftime the Raiders were down 34-28.

The second half was only worse for the Raiders, as the Titans were able to extend their lead early. With 15 minutes left in the second half, the men were down 35-43, and with only ten minutes to go, the Titans had opened a 14 point lead 40-56. Whenever the Raiders seemed to be building momentum, the Titans answered right back with big baskets of their own. Those baskets usually came from senior Jimmy Twymann, who led the Titans with 22 points, going six of ten from the three point line.

Vernard Hollins led the Raiders with 22 points and seven rebounds. Alex Kock chipped in 11 points and DaShaun Wood added 10 of his own. The game was a big blow for the Raiders who now find themselves pushed back to fourth place in the HL, due to the fact that UIC has a better overall record.

Although the Raiders had lost two



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Seth Doliboa #15, breaks past the defense with quick speed and a prime offensive lay up.

straight games at that point, Head Coach Paul Biancardi was still hopeful of a quick turnaround saying, "We didn't lose to chopped liver in the last two games...We lost to Milwaukee (1st place H.L.) and Detroit who was picked to be top three in the league...We will find the positives in this and build up for IPFW"

Apparently Coach Biancardi did build his Raiders back up, because Saturday night was a different story for the men. Hosting IP-Ft. Wayne for their final non-conference game, the Raiders were hungry for a victory after two tough losses to league foes. The men played more like themselves, picking up a 66-64 victory and once again coming from behind in a game that went down to the wire.

The first half ended with the Raiders down by three points in a back and forth game. After the break, the men found themselves down by nine with 17 minutes still left to play. After 15 minutes of battling, the Raiders did-

n't find themselves in the lead until with 1:43 to go, the men went up 63-62. The Mastodons then scored again to make things 64-63. After two Vernard Hollins' free throws, with 37 seconds left in regulation the men went up 65-64. DaShaun Wood was able to seal the victory with a free throw of his own.

On the night, the Raiders were once again led by Vernard Hollins who had 18 points, nine rebounds, six assists and two steals. Freshman Drew Burleson scored 13 points of his own. Both freshman Zakee Boyd and senior Seth Doliboa scored 12 points while Doliboa added four assists.

The men are now 13-11 overall and 9-4 in the Horizon League. From here on out the men will only play conference match-ups. Thursday night the men host Youngstown State who will be high off their last weekend victory over Wisconsin Milwaukee. The Raiders will then have a full week off to prepare for Illinois-Chicago.

Raiders Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball:

19 Thursday Youngstown State

Women's Basketball:

19 Thursday at Detroit

23 Monday at IPFW

Baseball:

21 Saturday at Western Carolina (DH)

22 Sunday at Western Carolina

Softball:

20-22 Fri.-Sun. at Seahawk Classic (Wilmington, NC)

Track and Field:

21 Saturday at Scarlet and Gray Invitational

Golf:

22-23 Sun.-Mon. at Pizza Hut-Bell South Intercollegiate

Men's Tennis:

20 Friday at Toledo

21 Saturday at Morehead State

Women's Tennis:

21 Saturday at Morehead State

22 Sunday Murray State



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Baseball to kick off season at Western Carolina

Nischwitz's last year at the helm hopes to be a good one

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Spring is nearly here, and the men's baseball team will be opening its season this weekend when they travel to Western Carolina for a two game stint. After months of indoor training, the men are ready for some actual com-

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— WSU Athletic Director, Mike Cusack

petition, and for head coach Ron Nischwitz it will be his last.

The men are hoping to improve upon last year's final record of 21-34 (10-13 in the Horizon League) and return the program to the level of prominence that it has been known for

over the last thirty years.

To do that, the men will have to see some big game play from this year's seniors. Those players include utility player Brad Piuino (Dublin, OH Scioto), infielder Matt Barhorst (Tipp City, OH Tippecanoe), pitcher and outfielder Adam Morton (Toronto, ONT/Birchmount Park), pitcher Kyle Young (Winchester Ohio Whiteoak) and pitcher Kevin Kuntz (Dayton, OH Chaminade-Julienne).

The Raiders will once again be facing tough competition all season long from schools like Kentucky, Ohio State, Indiana, Toledo, Austin Peay and Dartmouth among others.

In his 30th and final year as coach, Nischwitz will be at the helm for the Raiders. The coach has compiled a cumulative record of 845 wins 680 losses and 7 ties, good for a .554 win percentage. Since conference play began 12 years ago, he has recorded a record of 142-108, good for a .568 winning percentage.

The former professional pitcher and coach has accomplished too many credits to name them all. Among the most prominent are a runner-up finish in the 1987 NCAA Division II College

World Series and a 1994 trip to Regionals for NCAA Division I. In his 29 years at WSU, he has led the team to 20 winning records including three



Marc-Andre Lavoie, Junior, #23, warms up at Nischwitz Field during one of their routine practices.

forty-win seasons.

After this season is over, Coach Nischwitz will be offered the position of Coach Emeritus. In that position Coach Nischwitz will still be heavily involved in the program and will have

an office in the baseball stadium that bears his name. In conjunction with the change in position, Nischwitz's number 29 jersey will be retired. The only other person in Wright State baseball history to have his jersey retired was pitcher Brian Anderson, who currently plays professionally for the Kansas City Royals.

In a press release, Athletic Director Mike Cusack commended Nischwitz for everything that he has done for Wright State saying, "Ron's influence has gone far beyond the fine baseball program he built. He has been an integral part of our entire athletic program for many years. He has developed a baseball program with integrity that will continue to grow stronger and stronger in the future. His name in the community has always been associated with nothing but class, and he has been a role model for generations of Raider athletes."

With this season being the last for Coach Nischwitz, the men should have an extra incentive to play well for the man who has brought so much to not only the baseball team, but also the entire athletic department and Wright State University as well.

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While watching this weekend's NBA All Star festivities, it was hard to distinguish the games from the Saturday night dunk contest. At times I wasn't even sure if I was watching the NBA's best or an "AND 1 Mix Tape".

This weekend was supposed to be the best of the best that the NBA has to offer; each one them showed that they knew how to dunk a basketball, which is good to know since most of them are at least six and a half feet tall! One thing these All Stars seemed to lack, however is the basic skill of defense.

Play after play, these superstars dazzled me with their flat-footed defen-

sive looks, and what was even more impressive was the fact that there were 44 turnovers in a game in which there was little defense played. I do suppose

Sports commentary

that these remarkable players made up for it with their 44 dunks; that's right 44. That's 88 of the games ridiculous 268 points scored. I guess we should have seen it all coming when Friday's Rookie-Sophomore game turned into a

cherry-picking slam fest where both teams decided to not even run to the other end of the court to play defense.

Another "highlight" of the game had to be when the graceful Shaquille O'Neal glided down the court only to pull up and fire an air ball from three-point range. Mr. O'Neal has a hard enough time hitting a fouled shot. What made him think a three pointer would be easier? Well the answer is the NBA stars don't really care about the all-star game; for them it is a weekend off to goof around.

People paid more for tickets to the All Star game than they did the Super Bowl! I mean come on, this game meant nothing even if it was a good game. That just goes to show you that

today's NBA is all about being seen and not about the game itself, and I for one will stick to watching college basketball where every game counts and the players fight every possession.

I will never doubt the athleticism or the talent of any NBA player, because I know the type of hard work that goes into just getting to that level. I just wish that the players themselves took a tad bit more pride in the games they play. Just because they have reached the pinnacle in their sport doesn't mean they can take it for granted.

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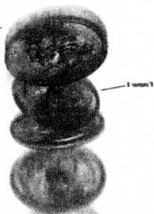
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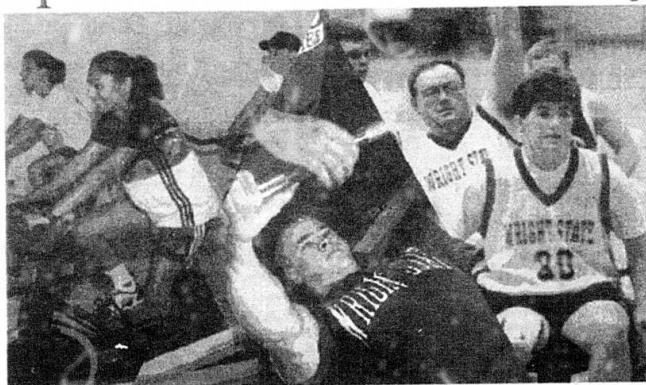
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